

South and Southeast Asia Earthquake and Tsunami, 2004

" Thousands of lives have been lost in a few moments, but the lingering effects will be there for years. The damage that was caused, the rebuilding of schools and other facilities, will take time. So you need a quick infusion to stabilize the situation, take care of those who have been injured, get immediate relief supplies in, and then you begin planning for the longer haul."

--Secretary Powell, Washington, DC, December 27, 2004

Countries that have been most adversely affected by the recent earthquake and tsunami include:

- **Bangladesh**
- **India**
- **Indonesia**
- **Kenya**
- **Malaysia**
- **Maldives**
- **Myanmar**
- **Somalia**
- **Sri Lanka**
- **Tanzania**
- **Thailand**

How can I help?

For information about how you can provide assistance to those in need, please call the Center for Disaster Information (CIDI) at **703-276-1914** (<http://www.cidi.org/>) or visit <http://www.usaid.gov/>. This USAID link has the most up-to-date information on the tsunami, relief efforts, and how to assist: http://www.usaid.gov/locations/asia_near_east/tsunami/

For information about the welfare and whereabouts of American citizens, please call **1-888-407-4747**.

For information on travel warnings related to affected countries, go to: <http://travel.state.gov/>. For information on the Asian Tsunami Crisis, go to: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tsunami/tsunami_2016.html

The following public announcements have been issued recently by the State Department:

Indonesia: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_1999.html

Sri Lanka: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_1996.html

Thailand: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_1998.html